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1. AT OECD HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING NOV. 7, PERM REPS FROM MOST OF NON-ECG COUNTRIES DESCRIBED LATEST POSITION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS RE JOINING NEW ENERGY AGENCY. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THEIR REMARKS (FOR FRENCH POSITION SEE SEPTEL);

A) AUSTRIA IS PREPARED TO COME IN AS CHARTER MEMBER, AS LONG AS: ECG RAISES NO OBJECTION TO STATEMENT OF NEUTRALITY AUSTRIA WILL MAKE ON JOINING; SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN ALSO JOIN; AUSTRIA'S PARTICULAR SELF-SUFFICIENCY (I.E. STOCKS) AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS ARE ACCEPTED BY THE GROUP.

B) SWEDEN IS PREPARED TO JOIN AS CHARTER MEMBER AS LONG AS ITS NEUTRALITY STATEMENT IS ACCEPTED. IT ALSO WANTS STRONG LINK BETWEEN NEW AGENCY AND GENERAL ENERGY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE EXISTING OECD STRUCTURE.
C) SWITZERLAND - FEDERAL COUNCIL HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE SWITZERLAND'S JOINING PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO PARLIMENTARY APPROVAL. IT WILL MAKE A NEUTRALITY STATEMENT ON JOINING. IT EXPECTS TO BE A CHARTER MEMBER.

D) TURKEY IS "POSITIVELY INTERESTED" IN JOINING AS A CHARTER MEMBER, BUT ANKARA HAS NOT YET TAKEN FINAL POSITION. TURKEY WANTS LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS LEFT OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE TURKEY IN EVENT IT DECIDES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO JOIN.

E) SPAIN HAS NOT YET TAKEN FINAL DECISION. EXPECTS
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DECISION AT ANY MOMENT. (NOTE: SPANISH DELEGATION CONFIRMED LATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT GOS WILL APPLY TO JOIN AS CHARTER MEMBER AND WILL BE REPRESENTED IN BRUSSELS TOMORROW)

F) ICELAND - WILL NOT JOIN AGENCY "AT THIS TIME", BUT WILL SUPPORT DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION.

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G) NEW ZEALAND - /HAS NOT YET REACHED ANY DECISION ON

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JOINING BUT EXPECTS TO DECIDE EARLY NEXT WEEK. (DELE-
GATION SOURCES SAY NEW ZEALAND WILL DEFINITELY JOIN IF
AUSTRALIA JOINS. IF AUSTRALIA DOES NOT JOIN, THEN
FAVORABLE NEW ZEALAND DECISION WOULD BE MUCH MORE
DIFFICULT, BUT NOT RULED OUT).

H) FINLAND - IS NOT PREPARED TO JOIN NEW AGENCY BUT
WILL NOT OPPOSE ITS ESTABLISHMENT OR THE COUNCIL
DECISION. HOPES THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE OF OECD-WIDE
COOPERATION IN ENERGY MATTERS.

2. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT DECISION NOT
TO FORMALLY JOIN IEP, WHILE ALREADY ANNOUNCED BY NORWAY,
DOES NOT IMPLY A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PROGRAM. ON
THE CONTRARY, NORWAY REGARDS EMERGENCY SHARING SYSTEM AS
"NECESSARY" AND THE LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM AS
"POSITIVE AND USEFUL".

3. AUSTRALIA MADE NO STATEMENT AT THE MEETING. DELEGA-
TION SOURCES HERE SAY THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER
AUSTRALIA WILL DECIDE TO JOIN. GREECE ALSO DID NOT
MAKE ANY STATEMENT, BUT DELEGATION HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY
THAT IT WILL NOT BLOCK ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGENCY OR
COUNCIL DECISION ON NOVEMBER 15.
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